

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A thermal printer connectable to a portable type terminal equipment, said thermal printer comprising:

a printer head for carrying out printing operation onto a printing medium;

a printer cover having members coupled together by a hinge to be openable and closable;

and

a platen provided in the printer cover in contact with the printer head when the printer cover is closed;

wherein a straight line connecting a shaft of the platen to a shaft of the hinge is ~~generally~~ parallel to a bottom surface of the portable type terminal equipment and the printer head is ~~generally~~ perpendicular to the straight line connecting the platen shaft to the pivot axis when the thermal printer is connected to the portable type terminal equipment.

Claim 2 (original) A thermal printer according to claim 1, wherein said members of the printer cover comprise an upper cover and a lower cover, and the upper cover is rotatable relative to the lower cover on about the pivot axis to be openable and closable.

Claims 3-6 (canceled).